

Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School

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APC Board Meeting

Location: Middle School Portable

April 8, 2014 - 6:00 P.M. Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order – 6:07 by Chris W-E

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Determine Quorum Number required for a quorum: 5

III. Approval of the agenda for today's meeting

MOTION: Raeanne moved to approve – Amber second - Unanimous

IV. Review meeting protocol

V. Persons to be Heard – *30 minutes maximum*

- None

VI. Standing Agenda

A. Approval of meeting minutes from March, 2014

Motion: Approve March minutes as amended – Sonya, 2nd Nina –
Unanimous

B. Chair Report *5-10 minutes*

- We all need to make an effort to promote our school. There are some spaces available in kdg.
- Please make an effort to be at Helena Curtain meetings/events next week
- Recap of Principal Evaluation process from last month

C. Principal's Report -*15 – 30 minutes*

- Updated Enrollment Numbers for Fall 2014
Kdg – 32

1 – 41

2 – 42

3 – 36 (waiting on 1 intent form)

4 – 23 (waiting on 1 intent form)

5 – 25

6 – 20 (waiting on 3 intent forms)

7 – 13

8 – 6

- Important Fronteras Events:

Challenger Overnight Field Trip in Kenai (Grades 2-4) – April 10-11

District Kdg Night – April 17 at Larson, Mrs. Geffken and Mr. Onfray
promoting Fronteras there

Talent Show – April 21st @ 8:30am

Diversity Night – April 24, 6 – 8pm @ Teeland (Fronteras groups
presenting)

Rock Climbing/Picnic for 4/5 grade – April 25

Fronteras Auction – April 26 @ VFW in Wasilla

K-2 Spanish Bee – May 2 @ 8:30am

6-8 grade camping trip – May 12-13

8th grade promotion – May 15 @ Fronteras

8th grade promotion dinner – May 16

Spring Concert – May 19 @ Wasilla Bible Church @ 5:30

Field Day/Fiesta – May 20

- Four Spanish exchange students need housing next Fall
- April 25 – mandatory active shooter training for principals (ALEX Training)
- Fronteras students created agenda covers for Fall – staff voted/determined winners
- Staff discussed classroom arrangements (Board desires for multi-age, classroom numbers, grade level curriculum, professional fulfillment)

- Presentation by Yeimy Francisco and Sra. Hartman giving overview of updated Spanish evaluation forms for students.

D. Treasurer's Report - 5minutes

- *Finance committee met yesterday*
- *Student activity account ... Solveig signs checks with Ms. Schmidt; reconciles as well (against district policy – should be 2 separate people) – will be dealt with by the Finance Committee.*
- *All APC officers are signers for APC checks*
Chris Whittington-Evans, Chair
Nina Shaw, Vice Chair
Amanda (Mandy) Lund, Secretary
Raeanne Stephens, Treasurer
- *Currently the APC Checking Account is with Wells Fargo. We are penalized when 20+ transactions are made in a month. Board authorizes Raeanne (Treasurer) to research and resolve issue by moving the APC Checking Account to different financial institution (MVFCU) if necessary.*

E. Committee/Team Reports

- **Facilities Committee Report**
 - Chris met with consultant that is working with completing USDA report – feasibility study. Compiling enrollment/rent info from last 5 years. Assembly, manager and school board committed to our process. Goal was for feasibility study to be complete by end of April. Grant application is at State. Need to send letters and positive communication to Bill Stoltz, head of House Finance Committee. Bill was responsible for \$150,000 given to Fronteras to complete USDA info for last year.

- We have been granted 6 portables (from Valley Pathways) – will be transferred to new site. \$5000 each to move. Item will come before Board before moving.

VII. Unfinished Business - Action Items

A. Helena Curtain update

- Amber and Ms. Schmidt have talked with Dr. Curtain and have a plan for preparing for her arrival. Flyers have been approved and distributed. Solveig sending them out to Fronteras families.
- Location not appropriate – Amber visited and classroom was too small. Amber looking at other venues will let us know tomorrow. Nina will help with housing/local transportation.

B. Election Committee update

- Committee has updated procedures. Balloting beginning 23rd. Remaining ballots (as of noon that day) will be sent home with eldest child. Counting on 29th.
- Introduction of Board Candidates – each candidate given 3 minutes
- Chris is very interested in a full board Parents that are not “elected” may possibly serve as Community Member at Large.

C. Early Release Meeting (April 1) Update

- Parent survey will be generated (including history/purpose of ER and options for ways to have ER)

MOTION: to extend mtg to 8:30 – Nina, 2nd by Gwen **Unanimous**

- Suggestion: have a brief report back to parents about what is actually done on ER days – communication so parents can support and so Board can advocate and support Ms. Schmidt
- Mandy and Nina working with Solveig on ER survey/communication

D. Classroom Configurations

- Discussed configuration options
- Ms. Schmidt's preference:
 - 2 K
 - 4 1 / 2
 - 2 3 / 4
 - 2 4/5
 - 1 6
 - 1 7/8

VIII. New Business

- A. Introduction of Board Candidates
- B. Annual Meeting Agenda

MOTION: Amber moved to adjourn – **UNANIMOUS**

IX. Executive Session

Matters generally include those affecting finances and personnel, the public knowledge of which might prove adverse or prejudicial.

X. Future Items/Future Business

April 17: Helena Curtain Immersion Education Night @ Snodgrass Hall Room #103; 6:00 - 7:30

April 18: Board and Jennifer Schmidt meet with Helena Curtain @ 3:30 for overview/closure of visit

April 26: Auction

April 29: Annual Meeting at Fronteras (incl. Lottery and APC Bd Election Results)

May 13: Regularly Scheduled Board mtg @ 6:00

XI. Final Actions and Adjournment

APC Governing Board Members

Amber Rinella
Chris Whittington-Evans, Chair
Erik Hirshman
Gwen Schneider
Jennifer Schmidt, Principal - absent
Jill Bang
Jill Stevie
Mandy Lund, Secretary
Nina Shaw, Vice Chair
Raeanne Stephens, Treasurer
Sonya Cook

La Promesa de Lealtad a la Bandera

Juro lealtad A la bandera de los Estados Unidos de America y a la republica que representa una nacion bajo Dios indivisible con libertad y justicia para todos.